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Art in Public Places Commission

May 22, 2013

The Art in Public Places Commission (AIPPC) of the City of Annapolis held its regularly scheduled meeting on May 22, 2013 at the Pip Moyer Recreation Center at 273 Hilltop Lane, Conference Room 1. Ms. Matthews called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m.

Commissioners Present: Matthews, Towle-Krewson, Koscianski, Moyer, Palumbo, Arthur, Averill

Commissioners Absent: Chair Fridrich

Staff Present: Woodward-Director

April 24, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Arthur moved approval of the April 24, 2013 meeting minutes as written. Ms. Palumbo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 7-0.

Market House Proposal Presentation – Walsh-Comport

Background

Mr. Walsh provided background on the AIPPC's approval of the ArtWalk project relating to the Charter 300 celebration that included 15 different art pieces at six different sites. This project was the collaboration between the City, County and State. In addition to the Charter 300 project, ArtWalk has completed two other major projects over the past five years to include the Lighthouse Shelter-Providence Center art program and the students of the English as a Second Language (ESL).

Collaboration

Mr. Walsh expressed ArtWalk's intention to collaborate with the AIPPC on public art projects within the City. He explained that on March 8, 2013, ArtWalk filed extensive comments with the City on the City Dock Master Plan expressing support for the art component of the plan and also the need for additional funding for the AIPPC to accomplish the plan's goals. He encouraged the AIPPC to read the comments submitted. He also notified the City that this was a public art project and required AIPPC review. He concluded that ArtWalk wants to collaborate and partner with the AIPPC to bring public art to Annapolis so this would include listening as well as benefiting from the AIPPC comments.

Ms. Comport added that the ArtWalk appeared before the AIPPC approximately two years ago to report on the Stanton Center murals as well as the Recreation Center artwork. She clarified that ArtWalk had hoped that they could collaborate with the AIPPC on these art projects but received no response from the AIPPC at that meeting. The AIPPC responded to this comment indicating that other projects were also being considered at the time of presentation. At the end of the discussion Ms. Comport noted that ArtWalk along with the City who is the co-applicant plans to collaborate with the AIPPC on the Market House project.

Market House Color Form Proposal

Ms. Comport explained that ArtWalk's will be working with non-professional and noncommercial artists on the Market House art as well as organizations that work with them so that the art is highlighted. There are very few resources so the idea is to share and collaborate on the resources. The concept was presented the Market House manager who expressed support. There have been discussions with the Summit School, Eastport Elementary School students and Bates Heritage Seniors on a possible project but funding is not

available at that time. Funding has become available for the Market House project so ArtWalk would like to use the senior's artwork in the interior. The senior artwork has not been collected yet but is anticipated on June 7, 2013. These ideas were relayed to the City who was in support and suggested that ArtWalk develop a process to advertise the Market House opening. Ms. Comport described the proposed art for the interior. Mr. Koscianski asked who would maintain this art. Ms. Comport responded that this is a City project so the City would maintain it since it. She briefly described the proposal for the exterior and roofline of the Market House. The Market House would be open at night so the lightscape design is proposed to extenuate the roofline as well as advertise the opening. She noted that the color forms are vinyl and must be able to withstand 90mph winds as well as snow load. Ms. Moyer suggested that ArtWalk explore other alternatives especially as it relates to flags to determine what is acceptable and to consider extend the tables to the outside.

Bates Fence

Ms. Comport discussed ArtWalk effort to solicit private funds for the Bates fence project. The project is intended to guide, cover and solve the visually challenged Bates fence. The artwork includes shapes of self portraits from the students that will be collaged into shapes that morph into birds across the fence. The shapes must become the art form on one side for students to see and pedestrians will see the artwork from the street side. The shapes will be twelve 5-ft by 5-ft routed shapes to be affixed to the fence.

Ms. Towle-Krewson moved to approve the interior concept as presented. Ms. Moyer seconded the motion. The motion passed in a vote of 6-0 (Matthews dissents). There was discussion regarding the maintenance of the art once it has been approved. The AIPPC agreed that there should be a statement that reads "It is AIPPC understanding that the common area maintenance of this building is under the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Works."

There was a significant discussion regarding the exterior proposal for the Market House by ArtWalk. AIPPC does not agree with the definition that this is art but believe that it falls under architecture or awnings; it is a historic property and should be considered in the context of an historic property architecture that falls under the jurisdiction of the HPC; and AIPPC supports enlivening the building with seating, banners, etc.

Mr. Koscianski moved that the AIPPC draft a letter stating its opinion on the ArtWalk Market House proposal to present to the HPC prior to the June 5, 2013 deadline. Mr. Averill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 7-0.

Westgate Landscaping – GreenScape Plants

Mr. Koscianski recused himself from participating in the Westgate Landscaping discussion.

Ms. Matthews noted that **Chair** Fridrich provided tentative approval to the new landscaper Wilcraft Property Management for the Westgate Landscaping planting. She explained that the landscaper has toured the site so is familiar with what the work entails. Mr. Woodward responded that the landscaper has to register as a vendor with the City in order to be paid. Ms. Matthews will follow up with the landscaper to ensure that he registers as a vendor with the City.

Mr. Averill moved to accept the proposal by Wilcraft Property Management as long as they register as a vendor in the City. Ms. Towle-Krewson seconded the motion. The motion passed in a vote of 5-0. (Ms. Moyer abstained from the voting.)

Carr's Beach Project

Ms. Towle-Krewson reported that Ms. Chenowski as the representative for A-Hold provided status on the project noting that the lawyers are distributing the final agreement for signature so once signatures are acquired the it will passed onto the City for signatures. Once the agreement is approved then Ms. Comport will continue with the project.

June Retreat Reminder

Ms. Moyer reminded the AIPPC that the retreat is scheduled for June 15, 2013 at the Stanton Center. Mr. Woodward added that the Recreation Center was booked for that day. Ms. Palumbo agreed to check on the availability of her home for retreat and will email directions if available. Ms. Towle-Krewson agreed to follow up with the facilitator to insure that she is still available to facilitate the retreat and to set up a meeting to go over what will be discussed.

Meeting Date Change

Ms. Matthews said that **Chair** Fridrich is unable to meet on Wednesdays as scheduled so the meeting day has to be changed. The AIPPC agreed to meet the fourth Tuesday of each month so the next meeting is June 25, 2013.

NEW BUSINESS

LightScape Sculpture

Mr. Averill reminded the AIPPC that the lightscape sculpture was discussed at a previous meeting and the issue of funding was considered. He asked if the AIPPC wanted to consider putting funding towards this project. The AIPPC agreed to review the project to determine if funds should be allocated. Mr. Averill agreed to resend the video for members to review.

Adjournment

With there being no further business, Mr. Koscianski moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:46pm. Mr. Averill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 6-0. (Arthur not present at voting)

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday June 25, 2013 at 6:30pm at the Pip Moyer Recreation Center.

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